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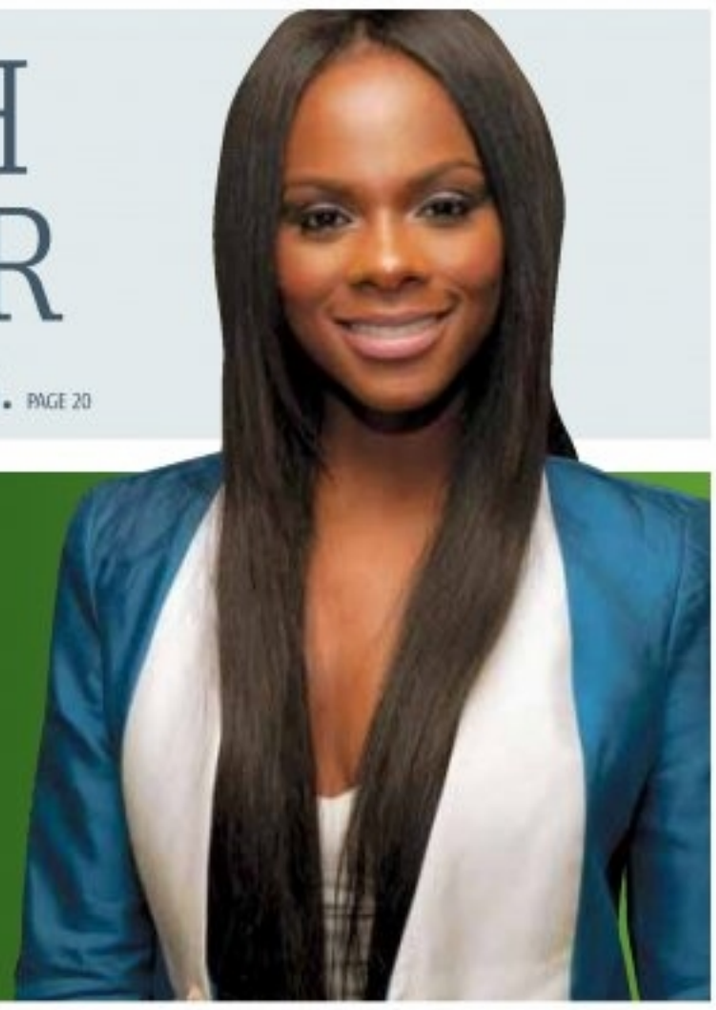

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The Angels debuted a new reality Web series in Philadelphia last weekend that focuses on their crime-fighting work in the city and beyond. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

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Philadelphia blogger Natalia John, @brainbullet, on yesterday's passing of U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg at the age of 89

Guardian Angels debut reality show in Philly

Crime-fighting. The Guardian Angels have recently seen a surge in their popularity.

Volunteer crime-fighting organization the Guardian Angels has been around since the 1970s but has recently seen a new surge in popularity, as documented by reality show "Angels in Action," which debuted last week at Philadelphia's Comic Con.

"We are seeing an uptick in people being interested, if not in joining chapters, in setting up their own in their community," Pennsylvania coordinator Scott Koppenhofer said.

"In part, that's because of right now with the financial situation, police departments across the country just do not have the funding they had years ago. Grant money and government funding is very slim, and they're trying to get creative with what to do. We're finding more police departments in more cities are willing to work with us more because they need the extra help."

The show is the brainchild of the Angels and Gary Kleinman, who for more than 20 years worked at Disney Studios, departing in 2011 as vice president of new media to launch Web-only channel FirstRun.tv

"They have had offers for TV shows before, but they wanted them to fake things, have stunt doubles — that's not who they are. They didn't want to compromise," Kleinman said, noting that "Angels in Action" is shot by camcorder-wielding Guardian Angels on patrol rather than studio camera crews.

"This is a real show," he continued. "I think reality TV has given itself a black eye, because no one believes it's real anymore."

Partially shot in Philadelphia, the first episode of "Angels in Action" details patrolling members attempting to galvanize a neighborhood around the rape and robbery of a 63-year-old woman and performing a citizens arrest on a college student seen buying drugs in Kensington.

Koppenhofer said the Guardian Angels' leadership is currently going through a "restructuring" process in Philadelphia, training new members in first aid, CPR, verbal de-escalation, citizens' arrests and self defense in preparation for a renewed presence, which will start by targeting the area near Kensington and Somerset avenues.

Quoted

"If we witness a crime, we're obligated to follow that all the way to the court system as a witness. It's not for everybody, but we always say you've got to do something in your community to make a difference. Don't just close your blinds and stick your head in the sand."

Koppenhofer

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There's a good time brewing at Headhouse Square

Marisa Magnatta, center, enjoys a laugh and a beer with some friends at the opening night of the Philly Beer Week Garden at 2nd and Lombard streets last night. Philly Beer Week kicked off May 31 and runs through June 9. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Ranked

Report: Philly is fourth-worst city for small business workers

Philadelphia is the fourth-worst city in the country for small businesses employees, according to a report released by credit card comparison website CardHub.com

The report, "The Best and Worst Cities to Work for a Small Business: 2013," used 10 different metrics based on Census and labor data.

Philadelphia ranked No. 27 on the list, coming in ahead of just Sacramento, Riverside and Detroit. METRO

Arrest. Delaware man charged with fifth DUI

Delaware State Police on Sunday arrested Raymond Warncke, 33, and charged him with his fifth DUI offense.

Investigators said Warncke was driving on South DuPont Highway shortly before 4 p.m. when a state trooper observed he wasn't wearing his seat belt. After stopping him, he said he smelled an alcoholic odor.

Warncke was taken into custody and allegedly found to be in possession of about 11 grams of marijuana. Police said he had four previous DUI convictions. METRO

Public safety

Police seek serial rapist

Police are looking for a "volatile" serial rapist who has since March assaulted four Germantown females, aged 12 to 17. The suspect struck on March 19, April 23, May 19 and, most recently, last Sunday.

"These are all teenagers in that particular area, approached on the highway by a single perpetrator," Capt. John Darby of the Special Victims Unit said. "He's armed with a handgun and forces them off the highway into alleys, behind properties and, most recently, into a recreation center, where a sexual assault does take place."

Police are asking anyone with information to come forward before the situation escalates further. "It's a dangerous situation here," Darby said. "We've got a guy with a gun, young female victims — we can't predict what they're going to do. We've got to get him off the street, and we're asking the public to do that." METRO

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Police are looking for a man they say hurled a corrosive substance on six vehicles parked on the 2400 and 2500 blocks of South 73rd Street in the early hours of May 16. The suspect is described as black, heavyset and in his 30s. METRO

Crime

Man nabbed for straw purchase

Kurt Kramer, 24, of West Chester was arrested for the straw purchase of two handguns from a Philadelphia gun show. He's charged with the purchase, conspiracy and more. METRO

Kurt Kramer / DA'S OFFICE

Burglary

Dog stolen

Quincy Palmer, 21, of Bristol Township was charged in a home invasion-style burglary in which he allegedly stole $5 — and a black toy terrier named Sky. Police said Palmer was one of three gunmen who stormed a home on Washington Street last Thursday. METRO

SRC. Council debates giving back control of school to local board

City Council yesterday held a hearing debating returning the School District of Philadelphia to the control of a locally elected school board.

Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell said it doesn't seem likely her colleagues will support sharing the taxing power to allow a school board to raise revenue.

She's looking into a hybrid model like the school board proposed by state Sen. Mike Stack, which would lack taxing power and whose superintendent would still be appointed by the mayor, though he or she could be ousted by a no-confidence vote from the board.

"The [School Reform Commission] fails the accountability and transparency test because its members are not elected by the taxpayers. Therefore, they are not accountable to parents, students and certainly not to the taxpayers," Stack said. "They are only accountable to the governor or mayor who appoints them."

But attorney and activist Leon Williams disagreed with at least one point. "We need to get that provision out of there that says the mayor appoints the superintendent," he said. "An elected school board should have the right and power to do that on its own. There's no need to start off by crippling an elected school board."

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Quick history

- The Commonwealth in 2001 took over the embattled district by replacing the school board with the School Reform Commission, consisting of three gubernatorial appointees and two mayoral appointees.
- Returning the district to local control would require the political will to either amend the city charter or to amend state law.

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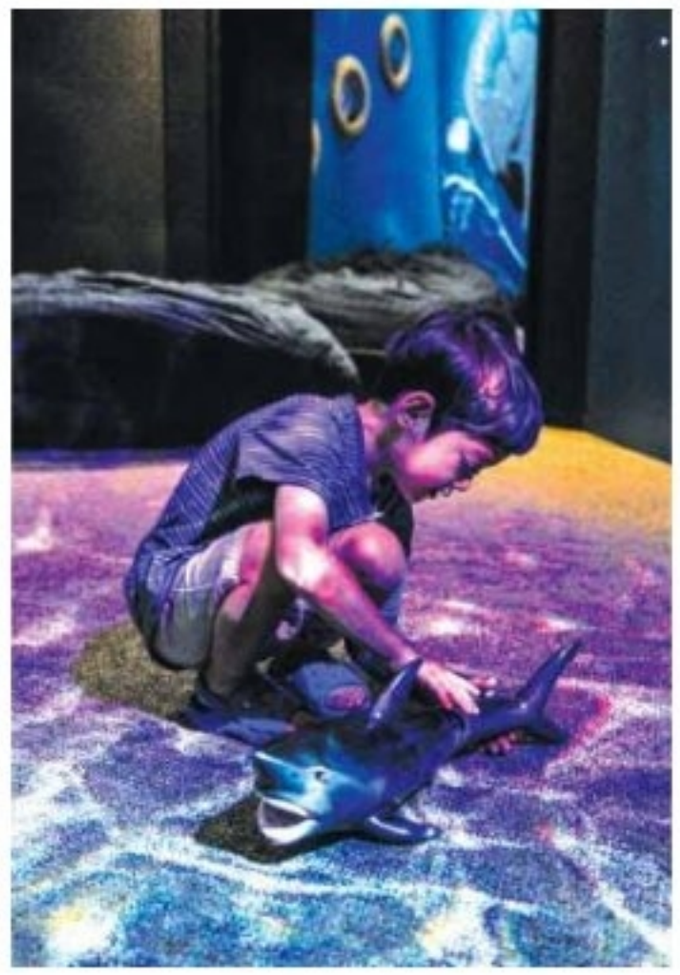

He's got a glow about him

Micah Sumida, 6, plays with a toy shark at the Glow: Living Lights exhibit at Drexel's Academy of Natural Sciences, where visitors can explore the world of bioluminescent animals. The exhibit opened Saturday and runs through Sept. 29. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO

Girard College will scale back its operations

Changes. Starting next year, the school won't board or have a place for high-schoolers.

The Board of Directors of City Trusts with Girard College yesterday announced that starting in the fall of 2014, it will no longer offer a high school option or a residential program.

The current model is still slated to be in place for the next school year.

For the 2014-2015 school year, Girard will operate as a grades 1 though 8 extended day school for 425 students, with no boarding program.

Ronald Donatucci, president of the board, said the decision was "extraordinarily painful."

Girard College is a free boarding school for low-income children from single-parent families. There are presently 405 students enrolled in grades 1 through 12. The number of displaced students the college would find schools for is about 150, said Kevin A. Feeley, board spokesman.

"The board said that it was committing to completing a detailed transition plan that would have a place for every child who might be impacted," Feeley said.

The board has spoken with a number of schools, Feeley added.

Officials have said this change is only temporary.

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Money issues

The college's residuary fund had $333 million in 2007.

- The fund went down to $210 million just two years later, in June 2009.
- Presently, there is $230 million in the fund.

Demanding fair wages

Philadelphia Airport workers marched through the airport to U.S. Airways, demanding that the airline honor the city's minimum wage and benefits standard. The Philadelphia City Council Committee on Transportation & Public Utilities begin hearings on the new airport lease agreement today.

RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Crime

Police arrest suspected shooter

Police on Saturday arrested Shakur Smith, 18, for allegedly firing shots into a crowd during a street party at 32nd and Berks streets.

Officers saw Smith around 11:15 p.m. firing multiple shots from a handgun, then wrapping a T-shirt around his hand in an attempt to cover the firearm and blend in with the crowd. Smith was taken into custody following a brief struggle and chase.

A short time later, police located an apparent victim at Hahnemann University Hospital. The man was shot once in the chest and placed in critical condition.

Smith is charged with attempted murder and aggravated assault. **METRO**

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Justices. Police can take DNA upon arrest

In a major victory for law enforcement agencies, a divided Supreme Court yesterday ruled that police can take a DNA sample from someone who has been arrested and charged but not convicted of a serious crime.

On a 5-4 vote, the court reversed a decision last April by Maryland's highest court that overturned the 2010 conviction and life sentence of Alonzo Jay King for a rape committed seven years earlier.

In an opinion written by Justice Anthony Kennedy, the court handed a victory to the state of Maryland by saying that taking DNA samples from arrestees was similar to taking fingerprints. Of the 50 states, 29 have such laws along with the federal government.

DNA samples can be taken if police have probable cause to detain a suspect facing charges relating to a serious offense, Kennedy said. REUTERS

Oklahoma twisters

Death toll reaches 18 in Friday's tornadoes, floods

The death toll from deadly tornadoes that struck Oklahoma on Friday has risen to 18, including six children and 12 adults, the Oklahoma chief medical examiner said yesterday. Officials added five victims yesterday to the confirmed list of dead from the tornadoes and from storms that caused severe flooding. REUTERS

Five-term New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg dies at 89

Lautenberg was born in Paterson, N.J., to poor Polish and Russian Jewish immigrants. / GETTY IMAGES

Democrat. He was the Senate's last surviving World War II veteran.

Frank Lautenberg, a self-made multimillionaire businessman who became a leading liberal in the Senate and championed smoking bans, gun control, airline safety and rail transportation, died yesterday at 89, an aide said.

Lautenberg's office said in February 2010 that he had been diagnosed with cancer and would have chemotherapy. That June, he said he had recovered completely.

A co-founder, former chairman and chief executive of the payroll services company Automatic Data Processing, he was elected as a Democrat by New Jersey voters to five six-year terms in the Senate.

He was first elected in 1982, running after incumbent Democrat Harrison Williams quit in a bribery scandal.

Lautenberg retired from the Senate in 2000, saying he was tired of chasing campaign contributions. But in 2002, he came out of political retirement at age 78, filling the seat of Robert Torricelli, who dropped his re-election bid amid corruption charges involving improper gifts from a businessman.

Lautenberg was re-elected in 2008 at age 84. REUTERS

Drinking age

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Boston fire chief resigns over bombing response

Public safety. The criticism of Abraira stands in contrast to praise offered to Police Commissioner Ed Davis.

Mayor Thomas Menino's office confirmed it had received the Abraira resignation letter. / GETTY IMAGES

Boston Fire Chief Steve Abraira resigned yesterday, citing public criticism from his deputies over his response to the deadly Boston Marathon bombings.

Abraira's deputies complained in a letter to the mayor that their chief had failed to assume command when he reached the scene at the race's finish line on April 15, where pressure-cooker bombs had exploded in a crowd of thousands. Three people were killed and 264 others injured.

Abraira had said he followed "nationally accepted practice" in allowing his deputies to continue to direct the response.

Abraira, who served in Dallas before his appointment as Boston Fire Chief in 2011, said he never felt that he had the full support of the department, which has typically been led by chiefs selected from within its ranks. **REUTERS**

Resignation letter

"The baseless attacks by the deputy chiefs, especially their actions of making this a matter of public debate by leaking their letter of April 26th to the press, [have] made it impossible for me to continue to do my job."

Abraira, in his resignation letter yesterday

465,000 vehicles

Ford recalls 2013 models to check for fuel tank leaks

Ford Motor Co. is recalling 465,000 2013 models to check for fuel tank leaks that could result in a fire. The automaker said it won't have enough replacement parts for all owners until September.

Models include the 2013 Ford Fusion, Flex, Explorer, Taurus, Interceptor Sedan and Interceptor Utility, as well as the 2013 Lincoln MKZ, MKS and MKT.

Ford said a fuel delivery module in the tank could leak. **REUTERS**

2013 FORD EXPLORER GETTY IMAGES

More music

Apple signs deal with Warner for streaming

Apple Inc. has signed an agreement with Warner Music Group for music licenses in a push to create a streaming music service. It will unveil the plan at a conference next week, the New York Times and Wall Street Journal reported yesterday, citing anonymous sources.

Apple has been considering a music-streaming service to complement iTunes for the past year, but progress has been slow in hashing out deals with music companies. **REUTERS**

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China. Fire kills 119 people inside locked slaughterhouse

A blaze at a locked poultry slaughterhouse in northeast China killed at least 119 people yesterday, with several still unaccounted for, officials and state media said. The tragedy triggered online outrage in a country with a grim record on fire safety.

The fire broke out just after dawn near Dehui in Jilin province. The provincial government said it sent more than 500 firefighters and more than 270 doctors and nurses to the scene, evacuating 3,000 nearby residents as a precaution.

China Central Television showed thick black smoke pouring from a low-slung, one-story building with an arched roof over part of it.

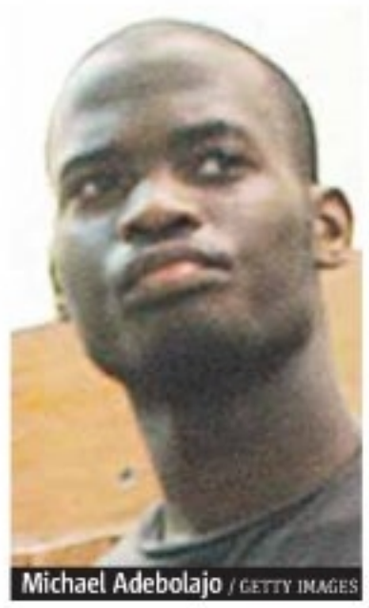
Flames shot through some rooftop vents, and firefighters on the ground and on high ladders poured water onto the roof and onto smoldering debris inside the building. **REUTERS**

Firefighters put out the blaze at the Baoyuan poultry plant that caught fire in Dehui yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Suspect in British soldier's murder blows kisses in dock

Charged. Adebolajo, 28, was returned to custody until a hearing to decide whether he can be released on bail.

One of two men charged with murdering a British soldier on a busy London street appeared in court for the first time yesterday, blowing kisses to a supporter in the public gallery and clutching what appeared to be a Quran.



Michael Adebolajo / GETTY IMAGES

Michael Adebolajo, who was shot by police at the scene of the killing of Drummer Lee Rigby, appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

Flanked by three guards behind glass panels in the dock, Adebolajo asked to be identified by a different name, Mujahid Abu Hamza. His defense lawyer David Gottlieb and deputy chief magistrate Emma Arbuthnot referred to him as Abu Hamza during the hearing.

Adebolajo repeatedly interrupted proceedings, asking why he had to stand up and questioning the charges after they were read to him.

"May I respond, may I respond," he asked several times during the five-minute hearing. He did not enter a plea, and the magistrate said a further hearing will take place at the Central Criminal Court, known as the Old Bailey, on June 28. **REUTERS**

Book finds

Tax inspectors oblivious to Holocaust

Many low-level tax inspectors in Germany's Nazi-era finance ministry were oblivious to the Holocaust and dutifully tried to contact murdered Jews whose wealth was being plundered by the ministry's top officials, according to a new book.

Germans have publicly atoned for Nazi crimes in a myriad of ways over six decades, providing billions of dollars in reparations to Holocaust victims, their descendants and the state of Israel. But only recently have leading government ministries come clean on their own particular Nazi past.

The finance ministry's role in assisting the Nazis was long assumed as a fact, but never examined in real detail until Berlin historian Christine Kuller's book "Bureaucracy and Crime," which it commissioned. **REUTERS**

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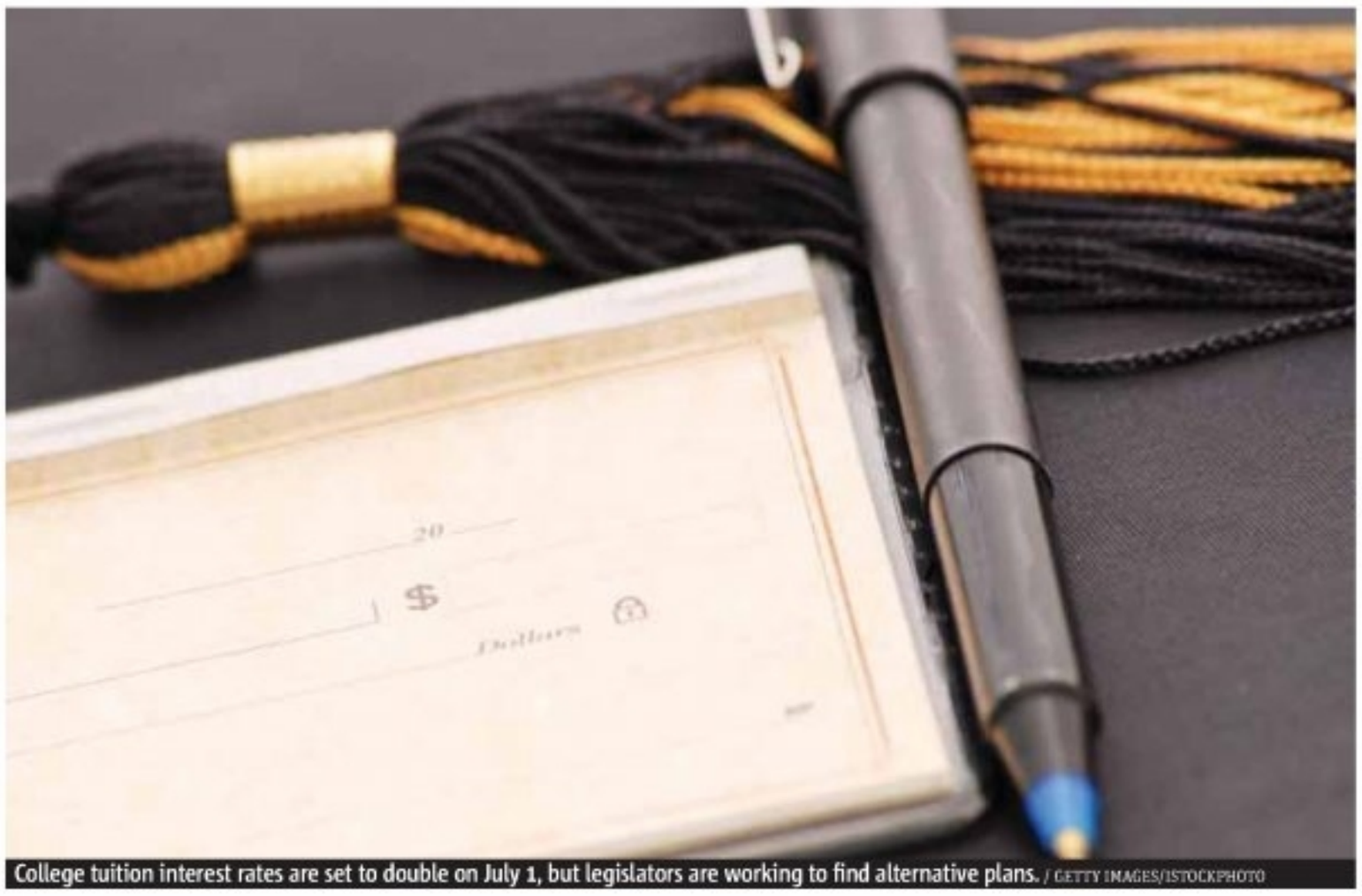

College tuition interest rates are set to double on July 1, but legislators are working to find alternative plans. / GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

Changes in loan interest spur debate

Money. Student loan interest rates are scheduled to rise on July 1, but both Republicans and Democrats have plans to make changes.

President Barack Obama pushed his plan to tie federal student loan interest rates to the market last week, and criticized a Republican plan passed by the House of Representatives that he said would cost borrowers more.

The burden of student loan debt, now pegged at more than $1 trillion, is seen as a drag on the economy and a barrier to people getting the education needed for better jobs.

Currently, students pay the same fixed rate for federal student loans, set by the government at 3.4 percent, regardless of changes in other interest rates. If Congress does nothing, those rates are set to rise to 6.8 percent on July 1.

"Higher education cannot be a luxury for a privileged few. It is an economic necessity that every family should be able to afford, and every young person with dreams and ambitions should be able to access," Obama said at an event at the White House.

In Obama's plan, rates for subsidized federal student loans would be set every year based on the market plus 0.93 percent, but remain fixed for the life of the loan. His plan, for instance, would lock in rates for next year's borrowers at 2.9 percent interest. He also would fully fund the Pell Grant program for low-income students, expand work-study programs and include an income-based repayment option.

Students who take out private student loans face more stringent repayment terms, making government-backed options a more attractive alternative. Obama's plan eliminates a cap on interest rates, which critics say puts students at risk of paying higher rates on government student loans in the future.

The Republican plan, passed by the House last week, requires rates for subsidized and unsubsidized loans, known as Stafford loans, to be recalculated every year and pegged to 10-year Treasury notes, plus 2.5 percent. The plan caps interest rates for the loans at 8.5 percent.

The White House last week threatened to veto the House version of the bill. Democrats who control the Senate want to extend the current lower rates for another two years while they work on a more comprehensive long-term rate system.

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Compare and contrast

Obama's plan:

- Federal student loans would be set each year, based on the market plus 0.93 percent.
- Rates would remain fixed for the life of the loan.
- Next year's borrowers would have a rate of 2.9 percent.

House plan:

- Rates for subsidized and unsubsidized loans would be recalculated each year and pegged to 10-year Treasury notes, plus 2.5 percent.
- Interest rates would be capped at 8.5 percent.

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CULTURE

Twitter feed

We check in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Judd Apatow is trying to keep some perspective.

@JuddApatow: People think it is wrong to make goofy tweets when there is something awful in the news. There is always something awful in the news.

McConaughey gets his feet dirty at polo match

Matthew McConaughey hosted the Veuve Clicquot Polo Classic at New Jersey's Liberty State Park on Saturday. The event is kind of like the Northeast's Kentucky Derby — attendees get all dolled up in their finest Gatsby-esque attire for a day of competitive polo. During halftime, McConaughey and wife Camila Alves McConaughey went out onto the field for the stomping of the divots. / GETTY IMAGES FOR VEUVE CLICQUOT

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Soul singer Sharon Jones has cancer, postpones album

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Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings are postponing a new album and tour due to Jones' recent cancer diagnosis.

"Over the last few weeks I haven't felt good and I didn't know what was going on," Jones, 57, said on the Dap-King's website. "We just found out that I have a stage 1 tumor on my bile duct. Luckily we caught it really early and fast, and the doctors say it's operable and curable!"

The group's fifth album, "Give the People What They Want," was scheduled to be released on Aug. 6. No new release date is set.

More on Michael Douglas' claim he got mouth cancer through oral sex

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By now, you've heard the news that has traveled the world over: Michael Douglas claims that his stage 4 throat cancer was caused by performing oral sex.

"Without wanting to get too specific, this particular cancer is caused by HPV, which actually comes about from cunnilingus," Douglas told The Guardian over the weekend.

So, did Douglas inadvertently out his wife, Catherine Zeta-Jones, for having HPV? Not necessarily, says Dr. Julie Sharp, senior science communications manager at Cancer Research U.K. "It might have been a previous infection," she says, meaning he could have caught it before he was with Zeta-Jones. "Cancer doesn't just develop overnight." And, yes, she says, you can get oral cancer this way. Sorry, everyone.

Amanda Bynes evicted

2

Amanda Bynes needs a new place to live. (And that new place should be rehab, but what do I know?) The troubled former child star was reportedly evicted from her New York City apartment last week, according to In Touch Weekly. This is the same apartment where Bynes was arrested on May 23 after she allegedly threw a bong out of her 36th-floor window.

If Bynes is causing this much trouble with an apartment, just imagine how crazy she's going to be when she's homeless. Are we going to see her panhandling on the subway next?

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First and foremost

1 The boots that (arguably) started the trend: **Anne Hathaway** wore these daring Tom Ford creations at the world premiere of "Les Miserables" on Dec. 10 in New York City.

From the studio to nightclub

2 **Rita Ora** wore these kicks to the Box nightclub on Saturday in London.

She's got the look

3 **Kristen Ingersoll**, the Fashion & Entertainment director at Hearst Magazines International, wore these attention-grabbing heels to the 2013 Parsons Fashion Benefit at Chelsea Piers on May 22 in New York.

Fashion forward

4 Russian model and fashion icon **Jelena Perminova** rocked the front row of the Chloe Fall/Winter 2013 Ready-to-Wear show in these nude kicks on March 3 in Paris.

Good girl gone bad?

5 **Selena Gomez** wore these strappy knee-highs to perform on the "Late Show with David Letterman" on April 24.

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NICK OFFERMAN AND MEGAN MULLALLY

Hollywood's most awesome power couple talks about making small movies, together.

RON AND TAMMY 4-EVA

The dominant power couple in the world shifts at the whim of a fickle populace. Right now, for some, the greatest — or just most wonderful — duo is Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally. Married since 2003, the two have seen a shift in their careers: Once Mullally was the one with the hit show ("Will and Grace"). Now it's him, as burly libertarian carnivore Ron Swanson on "Parks and Recreation" — although Mullally has guest appearances as his ex-wife, Tammy. In fact, they tend to work together on the same projects; that way, they don't have to spend any time apart. In "The Kings of Summer," Offerman plays the widowed father of a teenager who runs away from home to live in the woods with his bros. Mullally plays the mother of one of his friends, which affords them a few scenes together.

Quoted

"We joke with each other just to make each other crack up. In 'The Kings of Summer,' we don't have that much crossover. I think it is the same. I think it is kind of like how we would be just together alone."

Mullally, on how the couple interacts at home

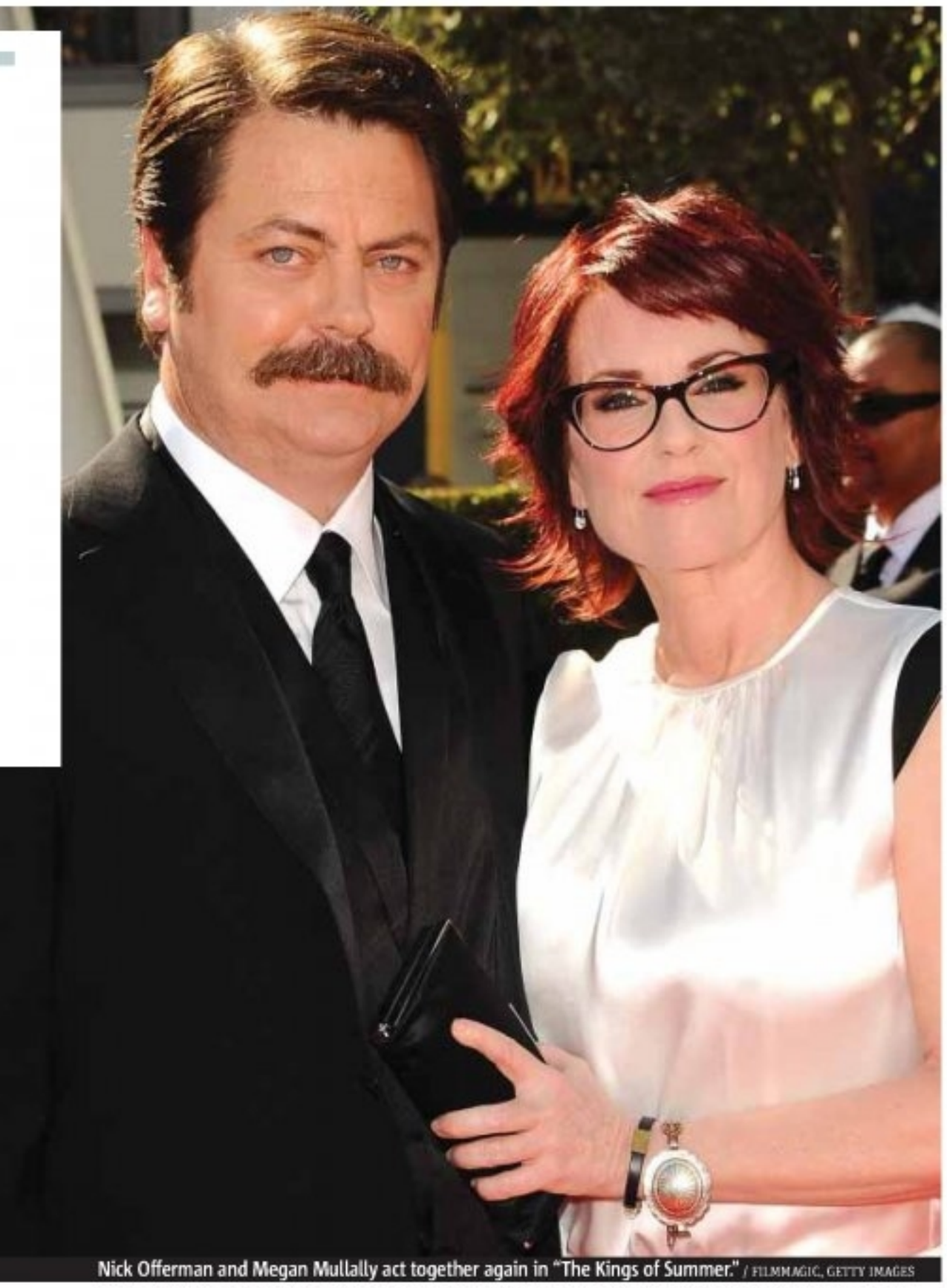
You've both been doing a lot of smaller films, often together. What's the appeal of these projects?
MULLALLY: I think we both love doing indie movies. It's kind of the equivalent of the 99-seat play. You have the feeling that there is more creative leeway, and you can make it be the way you want it to be. When everyone is on a level playing field and nobody is getting paid, I think everyone pitches in equally and has the same kind of desire to create something good.
OFFERMAN: We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good. Scripts that don't go through the corporate regime are going to end up better because they'll retain somebody with a beautiful artistic vision and/or a great sense of humor. That will come through in an independent script much more so than a studio project. Those can't help but be homogenized by the standards and practices, the Coca-Cola people.

How did you get involved in "Kings of Summer"?
OFFERMAN: They were looking for sort of a gruff guy who could also tell a joke, and Russell Crowe wasn't available. Chris Colletta's script was poignant, beautiful and heartfelt, but also had a terrific sense of humor. It often happens with Megan and [me]: One of us gets a job on something, and the producers will say, "Can we get your spouse interested in this?" If one of us loves the script, the other is happy to jump on board. It affords us the opportunity instead of spending two weeks apart; we're there together and having fun working. There are a lot of perks to it.

It seems like you got to riff off each other a lot.
OFFERMAN: The going technique is to go with a really great script and a really great cast. You have to shoot your scenes as written because you need the story points. Chris Colletta's script was wonderful, and there was no need to embellish it. Then, you say, "Let's f— around," and you end up with a handful

Q&A: Nick Offerman

What was appealing about this character?
At the moment, I'm having a lot of really nice opportunities that have come from "Parks and [Recreation]." Among them are not a lot of nice meaty roles with a full emotional arc. So the script ... was really funny, but also allowed me to take a character from A to B.



Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally act together again in "The Kings of Summer." / FILMMAGIC, GETTY IMAGES

of gold nuggets that you'd be crazy not to use.

Today's comedy scenes seem to be very fraternal.
MULLALLY: It started around 2006 or 2007, when people started moving out en masse from NYC, a lot of the "SNL" people. It's great because you really have a feeling of supportiveness … a feeling that … people that I've cast for my own projects are going to return that favor. You'd think in comedy it would be more competitive, but it isn't.
OFFERMAN: Also, a great many of us buy cocaine from the same dealer in Culver City.
MULLALLY: Don't ask for his name.
OFFERMAN: He told me that he would introduce me to Vince Vaughn, but he did not.

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Ellen Page plays an activist in the eco-thriller "The East." / GETTY IMAGES

Ellen Page is 'Strictly freegan'

Interview. The 20-year-old actress talks about relating to the radical ideas in her new film "The East."

At 20, Ellen Page became a star playing Juno in the film of the same name. She was nominated for an Academy Award and went on to make movies like "Whip It" and "Inception." But first, she took some time off. "I studied permaculture, design and eco-village development at a place called Lost Valley in Oregon with a lot of people who had the same philosophy — strictly freegan," she says.

Freeganism, or the practice of salvaging discarded food, was just one of the things that fascinated Page during her month-long stay at the settlement. The experience taught her to live simply and to really think about her relationship with the planet. It also prepared her for "The East," a new eco-thriller co-starring Alexander Skarsgard and co-writer Brit Marling.

Quoted

"It is hard to know if running away to the woods and becoming a freegan is the best choice, or do we stay in the infrastructure we've inherited and do our best to create positive change?"

Page

"On top of it being a beautifully written piece of work, there were so many ideas that I was excited about and thinking about," she says.

In the film she plays Izzy, a member of a shadowy group of activists called "The East." It's like a more hands-on version of Anonymous, but they live by an anarchist eco-code. While Page's time at the settlement didn't involve targeting corporate leaders, it did serve as a solid foundation for her character.

"We were able to talk about the experience I had and relate what that does to you as a person when you've been raised by the system that exists," she explains. "Then you go experience something that completely flips everything on its head. That is a wild ride to go on. Then to walk back out into society, you see things differently."

It's a way of life she thinks about daily.

"Every morning when I wake up I am unwillingly oppressing a lot of people and the environment to live in the privilege that I have — that we all have living in this area of the world," she says. "It's something a lot of people are dealing with now. And it is hard to know if running away to the woods and becoming a freegan is the best choice, or do we stay in the infrastructure we've inherited and do our best to create positive change? I don't necessarily know the answer. Maybe I'm just being a selfish jerk."

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'So You Think You Can Dance'

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8 P.M., FOX

Is this the face of meth addiction? / PETER YANG

Educational

'Extreme Parking'

The fact that there is a show about the awesomely rad and dangerous side of parking cars kind of makes us want to jump in front of a moving one. **10 P.M., TRAVEL**

Reality

'I'm Married to A ...'

In this episode of the show that profiles wacky married people, a man who lives with two strippers is featured. We'd totally watch a show called 'Pole-Dancing Polygamists,' by the way. Your move, MTV.

10 P.M., VH1

Comedy

'Inside Amy Schumer'

Amy cooks meth and gets a makeover. These things are not mutually exclusive. In fact, we'd like to think that one often begets the other. You've seen the photos.

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This sequel to "The Crown," Nancy Bilyeau's debut novel, brings back Joanna Stafford, a headstrong nun faced with a dramatic fate at a young age: to fulfill an unclear prophecy. And Stafford is here to stay — Bilyeau signed on to write a third book last month, making this series a trilogy.

"The Chalice" follows her as she leaves her oasis of Dartford, a small town hours from a major city, to travel to London and abroad in search of answers. Stafford seeks not only to unlock the prophecy, but also whether she should fulfill it at all.

Major characters of the era appear, including, of course, King Henry VIII, Anne of Cleves and the Tower of London, all told through the lens of a woman who only ever wanted a quiet life as a nun.

How do you write? How do you transplant yourself into this time?
I'd take my laptop and go to the Cloisters museum, and I would try to write in there because they have recreated 14th- and 15th-century French monastic rooms, and Dartford Priory was built in that period. So as long as my battery would hold up and the guards wouldn't chase me out, I would sit in various corners and write.

You traveled to England for research. What was that like?
They demolished the priory just like in the book. There is still a gatehouse from that period. I walked the perimeter, and it was very emotional to feel that all these women had been there and lived these lives, and that maybe I would help that they would not be forgotten.

With so many books written on this era, did you feel like you needed a really unique idea?
I wanted to do a thriller. That was important to me. I thought I wanted to do that more than anything else, and then I decided what period to set it in.

Character

An imperfect heroine

What do you love about Joanna that you wanted to see her through another adventure?
I was very determined to write a woman who was different from most standard historical characters. I wanted her to be independent and intelligent but not perfect. She has a bit of a temper; she's a bit impulsive. I've had people say that they love her, but they want to go into the book and shake her. I wanted to create someone who was flawed but who had an urge to always try and do the right thing.

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These goats are in it to win it

Beer Week. Goats have more to do with a cool brew than you'd think.

Simon won against his four-legged peers at the 2013 Sly Fox Bock Fest goat races. / JEREMY DREY

Bock beer and goats go back like George and Weezie — actually, way further back.

One German definition for "bock" translates to billy goat. So when Phoenixville brewery Sly Fox started putting on goat races as part of its Bock Fest in 2000, no one batted an eye. The event, which takes place the first week in May, has morphed into a can't-miss spectacle for beer lovers.

But something changed in 2011 when a one-legged goat named Peggy showed up. Colin Presby, an assistant brewer at Golden Avalanche Brewing Company, was working as a vet tech in Berks County when Peggy came in with an infected back leg. Instead of putting the injured goat down, they amputated and nursed her back to health.

Brian O'Reilly, the head brewer at Sly Fox, invited Peggy to enter the 130-foot race. Peggy not only competed, she won — against about 50 four-legged goats.

"After she won the race, people were going crazy," Presby says. "It's for fun, of course, but it's also an awareness campaign … to show large animals can survive amputations."

Peggy's success paved the way for Simon, a goat with a broken elbow that Presby and veterinarian Christina Vittoria helped save. Long story short, a three-legged Simon ended Peggy's quest for the three-peat.

Presby and Vittoria travel with Peggy and Simon, holding fundraisers at bars to support the Humane Society of Berks County. They've raised $6,500 so far. "It's a pretty big draw, and we really like traveling with the goats," Presby says. "If next year we get dethroned, we'll continue to raise awareness."

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Barrel House

Meet the goats

Unfortunately, Peggy and Simon won't be racing at Philly Beer Week. But you can still meet them and grab a Team Peggy or Team Simon T-shirt tomorrow at Goats, Cans and Bocks, from 4 p.m.-7 p.m. at Bainbridge Street Barrel House. The Simon Maibock 2013, named after Simon the goat, will be poured generously.

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Eat and drink

Rotier's (www.rotiersrestaurant.com) is old-school charm at its best. Voted best milkshake and hamburger year after year, locals will tell you this family-owned place is not to be missed. For the not-so-health-conscious, the grilled cheeseburger (essentially a grilled cheese with a burger in it) is a solid choice.

Head over to Germantown for brunch in the beautiful garden at **Monell's (www.monellstn.com)**, or an Italian dinner at **City House (www.cityhousenashville.com)**. Then take a stroll around the neighborhood to check out the beautiful Southern homes before popping into **The Cupcake Collection (www.thecupcakecollection.com)**, which boasts a porch where you can enjoy your treats.

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Sightsee

You can't visit Nashville without checking out the **Country Music Hall of Fame (www.countrymusichalloffame.org)**, a winding three-floor collection that houses a wide array of historic memorabilia, including the MacBook Taylor Swift used to write some of her songs.

Tomorrow, the Country Music Hall of Fame o

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Tika on ...

Her beauty takeaways from "Gossip Girl" and "Sparkle"

"Everything on 'Gossip Girl' was simple and pretty, very much like that Blake Lively fresh-faced look. But the movie 'Sparkle' introduced me to '60s makeup. Now, if you're going to line my eyes, it has to be the blackest liner possible."

Her favorite DIY beauty elixirs

"At night, I take a washrag, add a pump of coconut oil and remove my makeup. Then I wash my face with the Murad AHA/BHA Exfoliating Cleanser (www.murad.com) and moisturize with Keri."

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Luis Fernando Llosa, a co-author of "Beyond Winning: Smart Parenting in a Toxic Sports Environment," recommends waiting until kids are 11 or 12 to sign them up — something he acknowledges is unusual.

This allows children time for developmental stages, he said, "rather than having a coach barking at them all the time and telling them what to do."

Those barking coaches are another thing to avoid, he advises.

"Find out whether the coach is ego-driven or not," Llosa said. "They're doing this more for themselves than for the kids that they coach, and they have very little training in child development."

Aaron Finkel had so much trouble deciding among the "dizzying" number of sports options and deadlines that he launched a website last month, New York Sports Connection, to organize teams.

"There are so many different options for parents," he said, which can become overwhelming.

Many moms and dads also miss deadlines — something he did once and hopes to never do again.

"I missed the deadline for my son once to [play] flag football," he said. "I never want to see that look on his face again."

Tips

Llosa gave Metro the following tips to foster a positive sports experience for children:

- Play one sport per season
- Play different sports during different seasons
- Choose one activity per year that includes development and balance
- Study the history of a sport kids play
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Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You'll be more alert to opportunities and nuances in the morning than in the afternoon. As you tire, you could start to miss things.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Your methods could be quite imaginative and innovative today. Don't let others shut you down.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. If you put too much emphasis on your own interests, expect to meet with resistance. Conversely, when you are considerate, good things can happen.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Be extremely careful of your words when talking to a sensitive friend. What you think is harmless could be construed as offensive.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. A project might require more resources than you have at your disposal. Have someone at your side.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Even though you are a cooperative person, today you might not be a team player. When you make things tough on others, you do it to yourself too.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. If you want to have a productive day, you must follow a realistic plan. If you don't, all of your time will be spent cleaning up.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. There isn't likely to be anything wrong with the way you think, but you might have to compromise.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. Some lucky developments are a strong possibility. However, unless you're willing to share the benefits with others, you could end up feeling dismal.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Most of your affairs will turn out favorably, with one exception. You might repeat an error you've made before.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. Don't take anything at face value, especially financial matters. There could be hidden benefits as well as hidden pitfalls.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. A willingness to cooperate and a desire to do what's best for all will ease many of the day's confrontations.

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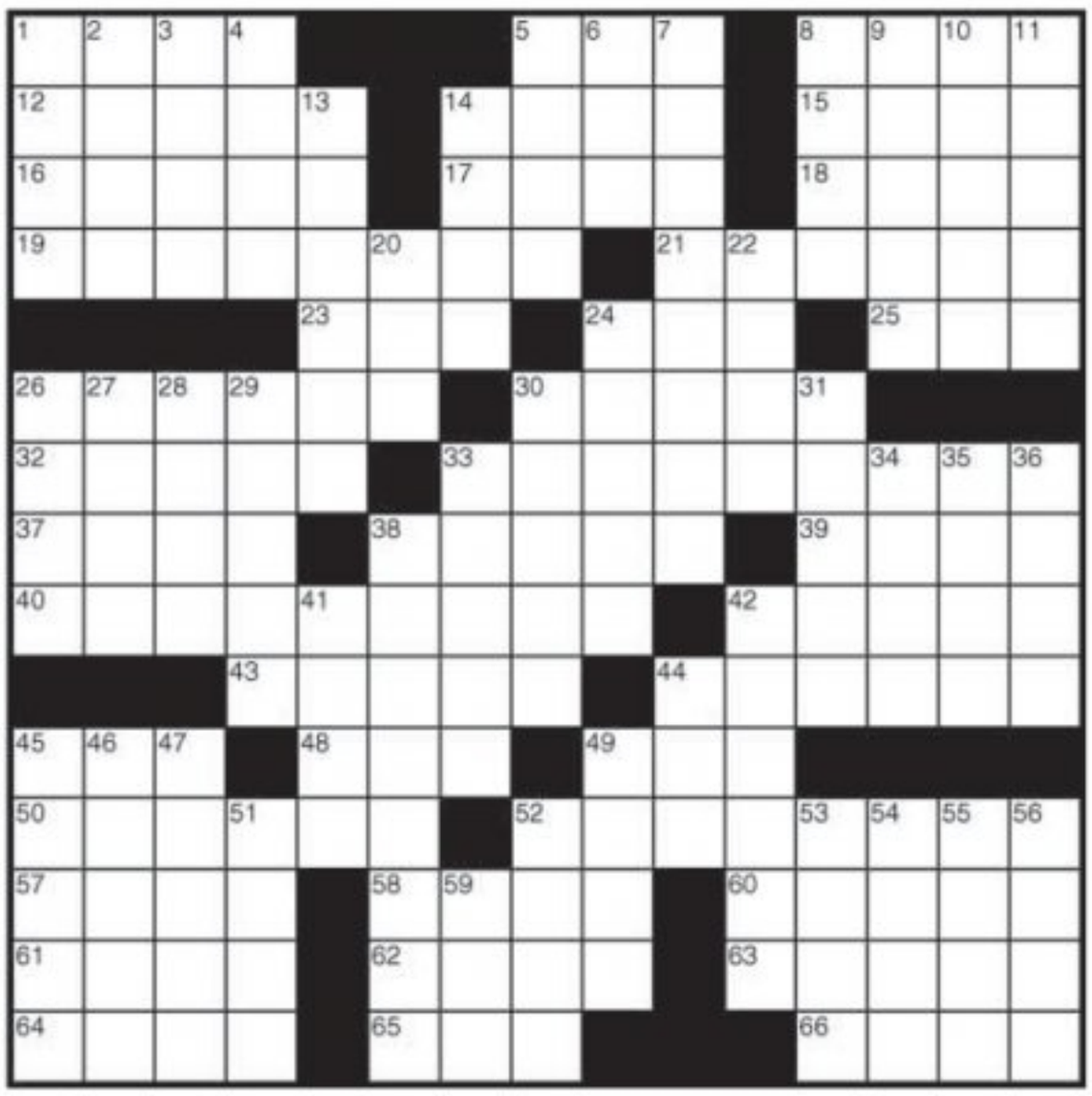

Letters

'Sex Issue' a death knell for greatness

Re: "The Sex Issue" (Metro, May 31-June 2) Metro's "Sex Issue" is a total slap in the face to your readers who proudly believe in traditional Judeo-Christian moral values. Metro needs to balance last Friday's issue by covering people and events that exemplify traditional moral values, which have made our nation the greatest in the world. I will encourage all my like-minded friends to email Metro in support of my position. Your paper's target audience needs to wake up before our country goes further down the drain.

DANIEL SULLIVAN, VIA EMAIL

Headline not radiant

If your crass headline "Two girls lighter, Jolie is still radiant" (Metro, June 3) was meant to be a compliment to her, you need a crash course on socials skills.

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EAGLES NEW ERA NEEDS MATCHING NEW ATTITUDE

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Jason Peters is the best player on the Eagles, a dominant left tackle with five Pro Bowl appearances in eight years. He is recovering from two Achilles surgeries and an entire season of inactivity. He is learning the system of an unorthodox new coach. He is a team leader.

So why has he blown off two weeks of practice?

According to the Eagles, Peters isn't required to attend OTAs and he is staying away for personal reasons. Oh, they're personal. He is steamed at the organization for costing him more than $3 million by designating his second Achilles problem as a non-football injury.

Hollis Thomas, a former Eagle and a co-host on my WIP radio show, has been reporting that Peters is not willing to volunteer his services — especially at the unusually rigorous practices being conducted by Chip Kelly — because he feels the Eagles showed no respect to him last season. Yes, Peters re-injured himself outside of the Eagles facilities, but he did it while trying to accelerate his rehab. He did it for the team.

Who is in the right here doesn't matter. The real issue is that Peters will be behind his teammates when the second minicamp opens today and when training camp starts in seven weeks.

First-round draft pick Lane Johnson will not be working with his bookend across the offensive line because Peters is angry. The best player on the Eagles will not be making his teammates better.

This is hardly the first time the Eagles have sacrificed player loyalty for the Almighty Dollar. Mike Patterson, one of the most dedicated Eagles of the past generation, ignored doctors' orders and played five games in 2011 after a brain seizure. His reward? Patterson was placed on the same non-football injury list when he contracted viral pneumonia.

Patterson, risking his life by playing, got the $150,000 the Eagles were trying to deny him when GM Howie Roseman had a sudden change of heart after a strong negative public reaction.

While it may seem that Peters missing a couple of weeks of practice is no big deal in May and June, what it says about the way the Eagles conduct business is vital to their future.

An organization that raised ticket prices after a 4-12 season cannot have it both ways. It cannot project a humanitarian image while clawing for every penny the way it has.

The Eagles are embarking on a new era. They have a new coach, a new energy and a new outlook. Now what they need is a new attitude. They need to stop their obsession with profits with an owner worth more than half a billion dollars.

Above all, they must make Jason Peters — and all of the players and fans offended by their business-first style — feel better about the Eagles than they do right now.

Jason Peters was docked money by the Eagles organization. / GETTY IMAGES

Analysis

McNabb thinks you are a racist

Donovan McNabb can no longer run fast or throw deep, but he is better than ever at infuriating people.

Last week, the former Eagles quarterback had the audacity to accuse Philadelphia of the ultimate crime. In his typical woe-is-me style, he painted his critics with the ugly brush of racism.

His exact quote to Jason La Canfora of CBS Sports, while discussing the current plight of Robert Griffin III in Washington, was this: "It's depressing to me. It goes beyond ... the quarterback position to have people dislike the kid already and he didn't really even do anything? It's depressing.

"This is a different arena he's in — I lived it myself — where some people are going to dislike you because of your skin color."

In his warped mind, McNabb's love-hate relationship with fans is simple to dissect. The people who loved him appreciated his accomplishments.

The people who hated him did so because he was black. "I lived it myself." Those are the important words. And they are a withering insult to a city that embraced him.

My own dislike for McNabb has had a lot to do with his skin, actually. It is too thin. He has never been able to shrug off a valid criticism without attaching an agenda to it.

At the height of McNabb's career here, Terrell Owens publicly ripped his teammate for folding in the clutch. The petulant quarterback replied by calling the remark "black-on-black crime." When someone sees everything in racial terms, the real racist is usually the person making the accusations.

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Opinion. All hail the king, Domonic Brown

Baseball is a funny game. Just when you think you've got it all figured out, Domonic Brown comes along and hits 16 home runs for the Phillies in the first two months of the season.

In that same time frame, Cole Hamels goes 1-9. You just never know.

Brown's dramatic emergence as a superstar is the most improbable story in an otherwise sobering start for the declining Phils. He was written off by all but the clinically insane after several failed opportunities.

Suddenly, he is everything Phillies fans could have imagined: a five-tool star with marquee appeal. Brown is the kind of player fans buy tickets to see.

Jimmy Rollins rolled out the ridiculous theory that Phillies management never gave the kid a chance. Brown played 147 games before 2013 and hit 12 homers, with 57 RBIs and a .236 average. Is Rollins really saying those numbers demanded a starting spot in the outfield?

Maybe Rollins needs to spend more time running hard to first and less time analyzing the front office.

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Golf

Tiger, Nike set to reup

Tiger Woods' comeback is almost complete. The world's best golfer is reportedly close to signing a new deal with Nike, according to ESPN. Woods has been with Nike since 1996. His current contract is due to expire at the end of 2013. The new deal could be signed while Woods is in Philadelphia playing at the U.S. Open at Merion.

Watch online

Highlights of last night's Phillies-Marlins game at **Metro.us/sports**

Phillies. Dom Brown named player of the month and week in NL

Citizens Bank Park might soon be filled with No. 9 jerseys.

Phillies slugger Domonic Brown was named NL Player of the Month yesterday — an inevitable honor considering the damage he did in the month of May. He was also named NL Player of the Week for a second straight week.

Brown batted .444 with seven home runs and 13 RBIs in seven games from May 27-June 2. He nearly hit for the cycle in Sunday's 7-5 win, missing it by a double. For May, Brown hit .303 with 12 dingers and 25 RBIs. He also leads the NL (entering last night's game) with 16 home runs.

Brown had been left for dead coming into the season. Many pundits and fans thought the former top prospect had blown his chance at making an impact after very mediocre stints in the majors in recent seasons. METRO

NBA

Jason Kidd hangs up sneakers

Jason Kidd announced his retirement yesterday after 19 NBA seasons.

The 40-year-old point guard ends his career second all-time in assists and steals. Kidd won a championship ring as a member of the Mavericks.

Kidd, who played for the New York Knicks last season, averaged 12.6 points in 1,391 regular-season games. METRO

Birds' Jackson looking for a new agent

NFL. Eagles wide receiver sends agent packing, looking to possibly sign with Jay-Z.

DeSean Jackson has fired his agent. Now, let the fun begin.

Moments after it was confirmed that the Eagles receiver had cut ties with Drew Rosenhaus, speculation ran wild that he was signing with Jay-Z's newly formed agency, Roc Nation Sports. According to Jackson's camp, nothing is official. His publicist denied the report on Twitter, but a player must wait five days after filing termination paperwork.

Adding fuel to the fire is Jackson's love affair with the music industry. He owns his own record label, Jaccpot Records, and has been known to hang out with rapper friends, like Meek Mill.

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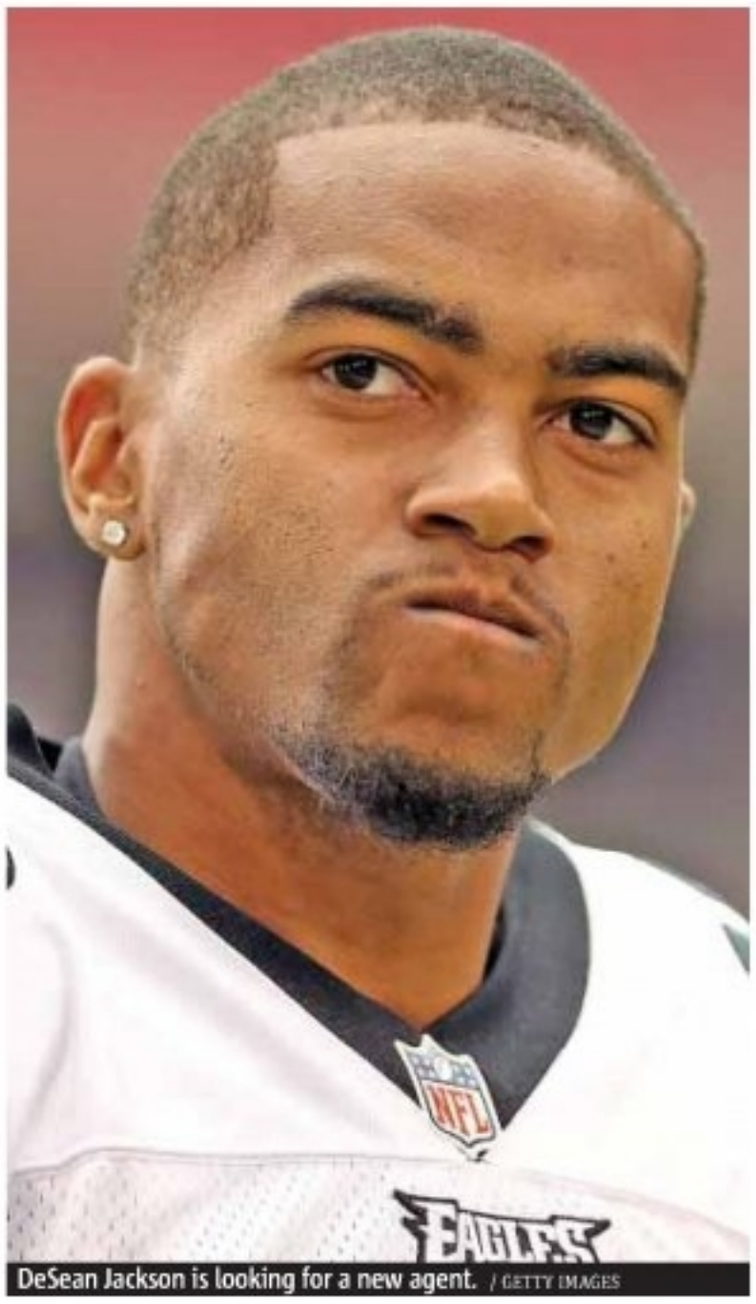
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